

*To the Reader.*

IT has been justly lamented for many years past, that the young and tender minds of the rising generation are too frequently poisoned by the noxious ingredients, which modern novels, romances, and such like publications, are principally made up of.

Indeed, the complaint is too true, respecting both sexes; young Gentlemen and Ladies, for want of something better to read, often have recourse to such books as are calculated and tend only to excite passions of the most fatal nature; conscious hereof, the Editor of the following Treatise has, with no little trouble, extracted from various miscellanies, what he thinks most likely to be a pleasing antidote to the poison abovementioned, and warmly recommends it to the perusal of every youth, who wishes to be instructed in the attainment of VIRTUE, WISDOM, and true FELICITY.